

CATTLE ON FEED

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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.24 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4 percent from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2002-2003 ¹**

State	Oct 1, 2002	Sep 1, 2003	Oct 1, 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Sep
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	288	274	275	95	100
CA	495	*490	485	98	99
CO	1,030	900	950	92	106
ID	280	245	270	96	110
IA	315	300	310	98	103
KS	2,280	2,250	2,300	101	102
NE	1,960	1,660	1,830	93	110
NM	113	121	123	109	102
OK	330	345	350	106	101
SD	150	134	145	97	108
TX	2,720	2,700	2,720	100	101
WA	170	180	190	112	106
Oth Sts	285	235	265	93	113
US	10,416	*9,834	10,213	98	104

* Revised.

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2002-2003**

State	During Sep 2002	During Aug 2003	During Sep 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Aug
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	30	28	25	83	89
CA	60	*65	61	102	94
CO	255	240	255	100	106
ID	69	58	82	119	141
IA	68	79	80	118	101
KS	460	580	530	115	91
NE	450	470	520	116	111
NM	20	23	16	80	70
OK	83	84	81	98	96
SD	49	30	49	100	163
TX	530	610	620	117	102
WA	42	46	53	126	115
Oth Sts	72	66	102	142	155
US	2,188	*2,379	2,474	113	104

* Revised.

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head

